

“(2) implement service-learning programs in low-income or rural communities; and

“(3) utilize adult volunteers, including tapping the resource of retired and retiring adults, in the planning and implementation of the service-learning programs.

“(e) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) **THREE-YEAR TERM.**—Each program funded under this part shall be carried out over a period of three years, including one planning year and two additional grant years, with a 1-year extension possible, if the program meets performance measures developed in accordance with section 179(a) and any other criteria determined by the Corporation.

“(2) **ENCOURAGEMENT.**—Each program funded under this part is encouraged to collaborate with other Learn and Serve programs, AmeriCorps, VISTA, and the National Senior Service Corps.

“(3) **EVALUATION.**—Upon completion of the program, the Corporation shall conduct an independent evaluation of the program and widely disseminate the results to the service community through multiple channels, including the Corporation's Resource Center or a clearinghouse of effective strategies and recommendations for improvement.

“(f) **FIXED AMOUNT GRANTS.**—

“(1) **GENERAL.**—For purposes of subsection (a), and subject to the limitations in this subsection, the Corporation may, upon making a determination described in paragraph (2), approve a fixed amount grant that is not subject to the Office of Management and Budget cost principles and related financial recordkeeping requirements.

“(2) **DETERMINATION.**—Before approving a fixed amount grant, the Corporation must determine that—

“(A) the reasonable and necessary costs of carrying out the terms of the grant significantly exceed the amount of assistance provided by the Corporation; or

“(B) based on the nature or design of the grant, any assistance provided by the Corporation can be reasonably presumed to be expended on reasonable and necessary costs.

“(3) **MATCHING FUNDS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a program for which a grant is made under this part may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the program.

“(B) **NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.**—In providing for the remaining share of the cost of carrying out such a program, each recipient of a grant under this part—

“(i) shall provide for such share through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equipment, or services; and

“(ii) may provide for such share through State sources or local sources, including private funds or donated services.

“(g) **APPLICATIONS.**—To be eligible to carry out a program under this part, an entity shall prepare, submit to the Corporation, and obtain approval of, an application at such time and in such manner as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require.”

Subtitle C—Amendments to Subtitle C (National Service Trust Program)

SEC. 1301. PROHIBITION ON GRANTS TO FEDERAL AGENCIES; LIMITS ON CORPORATION COSTS.

Section 121 (42 U.S.C. 12571) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting after “subdivisions of States,” the following: “Territories,”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the heading, by striking “AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES” and inserting “RESTRICTIONS ON AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES”;

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the first sentence by striking “by the agency.” and inserting “by the agency, including programs under the Public Lands Corps and

Urban Youth Corps as described in section 122(a)(2).”; and

(ii) by striking the second sentence;

(C) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) **PROHIBITION ON GRANTS.**—The Corporation may not provide a grant under this section to a Federal agency.”; and

(D) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “receiving assistance under this subsection” and inserting “operating a national service program”; and

(ii) by striking “using such assistance”;

(3) in subsection (c)(2)(B), by striking “to be provided” and inserting “to be provided or otherwise approved”;

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “FIVE” and inserting “SIX”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “5 percent” and inserting “6 percent”; and

(5) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “section 140” and inserting “paragraph (2)”; and

(ii) by striking “Federal share” and inserting “Corporation share”;

(iii) by inserting after “cost” the following: “, including member living allowances, employment-related taxes, health care coverage, and worker's compensation.”

(iv) by striking “may not exceed 75 percent of such cost.” and inserting “may not exceed—”;

(v) by adding at the end the following:

“(A) for the first three years in which the recipient receives such assistance, 76 percent of such cost;

“(B) for the fourth through ninth years in which the recipient receives such assistance, a decreasing share of such cost between 76 percent and 50 percent, as established by the Corporation in regulation; and

“(C) for the tenth year (and each year thereafter) in which the recipient receives such assistance, 50 percent of such cost.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (3);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) **ALTERNATIVE CORPORATION SHARE FOR PROGRAMS IN RURAL OR SEVERELY ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.**—Upon approval by the Corporation, the Corporation share of the cost, including member living allowances, employment-related taxes, health care coverage, and worker's compensation, of carrying out a national service program that receives assistance under subsection (a) and that is located in a rural or severely economically distressed community may not exceed—

“(A) for the first six years in which the recipient receives such assistance, 76 percent of such cost;

“(B) for the seventh through ninth years in which the recipient receives such assistance, a decreasing share of such cost between 76 and 65 percent as established by the Corporation in regulation; and

“(C) for the tenth year (and each year thereafter) in which the recipient receives such assistance, 65 percent of such cost.”;

(E) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), in subparagraph (B), by inserting after “other Federal sources” the following: “including funds authorized under Youthbuild (section 173A of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2918a))”; and

(F) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) **OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS.**—

“(A) **RECIPIENT REPORT.**—A recipient of assistance under section 121 shall report to the Corporation the amount and source of any Federal funds used to carry out the program other than those provided by the Corporation.

“(B) **CORPORATION REPORT.**—The Corporation shall report to the Congress on an annual basis

information regarding each recipient that uses Federal funds other than those provided by the Corporation to carry out the program, including amounts and sources of other Federal funds.”.

SEC. 1302. E-CORPS AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TYPES OF PROGRAMS.

Section 122 (42 U.S.C. 12572) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (b)(1)” and inserting “subsection (c)(1)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “including” and all that follows through the semicolon at the end and inserting “including projects involving urban renewal, sustaining natural resources, or improving human services.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “including” and inserting “and at least 50 percent of whom are”; and

(iii) in subparagraph (C)(i), by inserting “, including mentoring” before the semicolon;

(C) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) students participating in service-learning programs at an institution of higher education.”;

(D) in paragraph (7)(A), by inserting “, including elementary and secondary education, and other professions such as those in health care, criminal justice, environmental stewardship and conservation, or public safety” before the semicolon;

(E) in paragraph (8)(C), by striking “non-profit”;

(F) in paragraph (9), by striking “between the ages of 16 and 24” and inserting “between the ages of 16 and 25”;

(G) in paragraph (10), by striking “gifted young adults” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “school-age youth and young adults of all backgrounds, including gifted youth, along with established successful entrepreneurs of all backgrounds and professions from the community in which the program exists to—

“(A) train the participants in utilizing problem-solving, entrepreneurship, and communication skills to design solutions to community problems; and

“(B) collaborate with stakeholders in the communities to implement the solutions devised by the participants in subparagraph (A).”;

(H) in paragraph (12)(A), by striking “learning and recreation” and inserting “learning, recreation, and mentoring”;

(I) in paragraph (13), by striking “and to combat rural poverty, including” and inserting “, including the issues of rural poverty,”;

(J) by redesignating paragraph (15) as paragraph (19); and

(K) by inserting after paragraph (14) the following:

“(15) An E-Corps program that involves participants who provide services in a community by developing and assisting in carrying out technology programs which seek to increase access to technology and the benefits thereof in such community.

“(16) A program that engages citizens in public safety, public health, and emergency and disaster preparedness, and may include the recruitment and placing of qualified participants in positions to be trainees as law enforcement officers, firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical service workers, and may engage Federal, State, and local stakeholders in collaboration to organize more effective responses to issues of public safety and public health, emergencies, and disasters.

“(17) A program, initiative, or partnership that seeks to expand the number of mentors for youths (including by recruiting high-school and college-aged individuals to enter into mentoring